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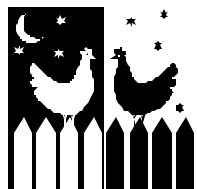
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged in all areas, but lower in the East. Trade sentiment was steady to weak in the East, steady elsewhere. Demand into retail showed slight improvement in some areas, still unaggressive in others. Food service was in a full range with fast food promotions receiving most interest. Supplies were adequate to ample for heavier sizes, occasionally discounted, and smaller weights were balanced to short, often sought. In the parts structure, trading was slow to moderate with demand light for first of the month business. Wings were close to short, breast items were adequate to ample, particularly boneless skinless, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/02-04/07/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers			
Chicago	50.00-54.00	49.00-64.50	52.42	25
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	49.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-63.00	54.00-65.00	62.33	84

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
566	58.65-63.75	61.85
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	4,508
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,093
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.00	735
LEG QUARTERS	25.50	8,318
WINGS	98.50	2,945

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings of additional product were limited with heavy weight most often shown. Dealer interest was cautious and selective as regular commitments satisfy the majority of needs with light weight Wogs most often sought. Retail demand was somewhat improved, slow to occasionally moderate. Food service movement was in a full range, mostly moderate with fast food outlets receiving best call. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate, sizes desirable to heavier than desired. In the parts complex, dealers continue to show very limited interest with wings remaining the best call. First of the month interest has yet to attract much attention as buyers remain cautious and selective. Supplies of wings are well cleared to short, dark meat items balanced and breast items fully sufficient. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, steady to fully steady on dark meat items, all other items steady at best.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate although increased interest for product had been reported. Supplies were in good balance to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good with improvements expected for first of the month business and retail ads. Wings were close to short, and the remaining items were mixed, but mostly available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was mainly steady with trading for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings easily adequate to cover the fair buying interest. Demand by stores good where featured elsewhere light, restaurants fairly good overall best by fast food. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was fully steady on leg quarters, about steady on bone-in breasts and generally steady on balance of parts. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 55-69, whole cut-up 79-99, boneless breasts 167-449, boneless thighs 139-349, boneless leg meat 98-118, split breasts 89-158, whole legs 79-149, leg quarters 10# bags 290-390, wings 99-149, thighs 139-149, drumsticks 139-149, roasters 129, cornish hens 98-199; Northern California - boneless breasts 288-349, split breasts 97-179, leg quarters 89 & 10# bag 699, whole legs 79, drumsticks 79-88, thighs 79-88, wings 79-119, roasters 99-149; Denver - whole cut-up 99, breasts 99, drumsticks 99, thighs 99, boneless thighs 99, (IQF 5# wings 600; IQF 4# - wings 396, boneless thighs 548, drumsticks 300, split breasts 600, boneless breasts 900); Arizona - leg quarters 79-99 10# bag 290, boneless breasts 189-399, skinless split breasts 188-279, boneless thighs 259 & IQF 4# 599.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light but slightly improved going into the weekend, even though most dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to available with the heavier birds usually in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was seasonal with first of month business fair and usually slow in developing. The market tone was steady to barely steady at lower trending values on whole product. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breast were fully adequate to ample, fully adequate on breast, dark meat and cut wings improved, balance generally adequate and steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved slightly entering the weekend but remained unaggressive. Offerings adequate to ample, with 3 pound and heavier sizes readily available. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, wings continued to be well cleared. Boneless skinless breast were available and competitively priced. Leg items were about adequate and clearing. All other items were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	47-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.87
NO. OF BOXES	11,563
CUMULATIVE	03/26/01-03/30/01 55.49
	03/27/00-03/31/00 54.40
NO. OF BOXES	03/26/01-03/30/01 156,965
	03/27/00-03/31/00 40,284

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

MAR 29

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 30

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	639	120.00-210.00	140-145	141.13	573	120.00-210.00	140-145	141.89	3,532	144.01
TENDERLOINS	263	145.00-215.00	-	150.32	155	140.00-215.00	145	153.55	848	150.76
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				87	72.00-79.00	72-75	74.51	435	74.54
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				585	79.73
LEGS	126	33.00-41.00	33-35	34.02	126	33.00-41.00	34-36	34.33	574	34.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	521	23.00-24.00	-	23.36	431	22.00-24.00	23-24	23.04	2,285	22.63
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,595	24.00-26.00	25	25.03	1,675	24.00-26.00	25-26	25.05	8,015	24.79
WINGS (WHOLE)	249	93.00-96.00	-	95.41	259	93.00-98.00	93-95	95.51	1,305	95.53
WINGS (CUT)	532	105.00-119.00	108-110	110.43	577	108.00-119.00	109-111	111.57	2,784	111.05
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS	97	87.00-93.50	-	90.33	92	87.00-93.50	-	89.08	415	90.55

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAR 29, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

49.75 - 54.50

AVERAGE

51.72

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAR 30, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

48.00 - 54.50

AVERAGE

50.98

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

51.17

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices on breast boneless/skinless were unchanged to lower, thighs higher, balanced unchanged.

Boneless/skinless breast improved slightly but was still fully adequate to burdensome and often discounted to get any additional movement.

Offerings of cut small wings and dark meat items were barely adequate to adequate, balance of items were irregular but usually sufficient. Retail and distributive interest was slightly improved going into the weekend but orders were not yet active. Undertone very irregular from item to item.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB

MAR 29 ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS			MAR 30 WEEKLY WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*				TRADING*				
BREAST - B/S	130-135			136.74	130		133.94	135.30	3,255,910
TENDERLOINS	130-135			140.88	130-135		139.68	139.35	572,357
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66			75.07	65-66		73.48	74.39	1,215,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	65			68.03	65		67.19	67.74	1,218,920
LEGS	33-34			38.05	33-34		37.18	37.11	1,063,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23			23.65	22-23		24.11	23.25	2,134,794
DRUMSTICKS	31-32			36.73	31-32		35.67	36.41	695,620
THIGHS	30-31			34.41	32-33		36.23	35.26	590,810
B/S THIGHS	87-88			91.06	87-88		91.49	89.79	287,650
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91			97.53	90-91		97.02	97.80	1,702,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12			12.25	10-12		12.07	12.08	377,060
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35			34.61	30-35		34.54	34.40	335,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60			58.99	55-60		58.81	59.07	471,470

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	03/30	03/29	03/28	03/27	03/28	03/27	03/23	03/21
ALA	3,797	3,722	3,630	3,794	5.14	5.05	3,817	5.13
ARK	4,546	5,229	4,922	5,117	4.90	4.88	4,986	5.08
DELMARVA	2,048	2,300	2,344	2,317	4.92	4.98	2,366	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,980	1,981	1,838	1,704	4.42	4.51	1,693	4.45
MISS	2,812	2,786	2,525	2,542	5.00	5.03	2,591	5.08
NC	2,394	2,483	2,528	2,488	5.82	5.87	2,719	5.82
TEXAS	2,315	2,304	2,200	2,322	4.93	4.96	2,254	4.86
TOTAL	19,892	20,805	19,987	20,284	5.03	5.04	20,426	5.09
MON-FRI	102,619(A)				100,948(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Mar 01 and 31-Mar-01 is estimated to be 29,761,000 down 4.53 percent from a week ago and down 5.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,373,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 31-Mar-01 is estimated to be 147,935,000 head down 1.5 percent from a week ago, and down 5.3 percent from a year ago

(Last week 150,141,000 Last year 156,244,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-94
	DRY PACK 102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-117
	DRY PACK 123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-117
	DRY PACK 123
DUCKS	152-170

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Mar 17, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	29,392	27,981	40,701
Avg Weight	3.75	4.82	6.08
% of total /1	30%	29%	42%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	24,201	23,561	39,776
Avg Weight	3.79	4.72	6.03
% of total /1	28%	27%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,535	32,493	38,417
Avg Weight	3.74	4.83	6.07
% of total /1	33%	31%	36%
To date/2001	350,765	285,437	474,115
To date/2000	373,695	335,770	437,607

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	150,141 (A)	1,953	1,396	3,349	506
AVG WT	5.06	3.30	7.85	5.19	7.22
LAST WEEK	152,987	1,841	1,318	3,159	429
SAME WK YR AGO	155,206	2,046	1,483	3,529	407
AVG WT	5.08	3.61	8.30	5.58	6.65
TO-DATE/2001	1,794,462	22,281	15,366	37,647	5,838
TO-DATE/2000	1,842,094	24,381	16,455	40,836	5,454

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152 million head or 0.3 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAR 27, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.72 - .80	Silkie	3.50 - 4.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.74 - .98	Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .42
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .72	Pigeons	2.85 - 3.25ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .94	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.10	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		4-6 LBS	1.40 - 2.00
4-6 LBS	.50 - 1.10	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	1.20 - 1.54
7-11 LBS	.40 - .94	Bunnies	2.00 - 12.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.70 - 2.00	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 4.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.50ea.	Goats	50.00 - 62.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Kid Goats	21.00 - 35.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .32	Doves	5.00 - 9.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .44	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.70 - .84

Total Coops Sold 772

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 26-MAR-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65-66
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83
	65-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Sizes were desirable and slaughter schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 26-MAR-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 17	152.4	148.8	102	4.97
24	149.5	151.6	99	4.99
MARCH 3	149.6	151.3	99	5.01
10	154.0	151.3	102	5.18
17	154.8	152.7	101	5.09
24	152.0	152.3	100	5.06
YEAR TO DATE	1,816.3	1,801.4	101	
MARCH 31		150.5		
APRIL 7		150.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	03/31/01	03/24/01	% CHG	04/01/00	% CHG
Broilers	147,935	150,141	-02	156,244	-05
Cattle	648	654	-01	676	-04
Hogs	1,862	1,874	-01	1,879	-01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were unchanged to slightly lower on light canners and about unchanged on heavy canners. Supplies were clearing even though a slight increase in availability was reported. Demand was in a full range of fair to good. Undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
23-26 MAJORITY	34.75-38 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27.5 MAJORITY 25	36-40 MAJORITY 37-38

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair. Offerings were fully adequate for normal processing schedules, even though Easter is two weeks away. Sales of canners product was clearing easily. Market conditions were steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices continue unchanged. Offerings were fully sufficient for the mostly light to moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked generally moderate schedules. Offerings spotty through Easter.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand remained moderate to good for about adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for next week were in a range of less than normal to normal. Interest for canners was still clearing the slightly increased availability of offerings. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand for spent heavy fowl was moderate with offerings sufficient for needs. Finished sales were fair. Current schedules were adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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